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11. The article of any of claims 1-4, wherein the rectangular cube corner elements each comprise a pentagonal face. (see above)

12. The article of any of claims 1-4, wherein the rectangular cube corner elements are microcubes. (see above)

13. The article of any of claims 5-9, wherein the article comprises a plurality of laminae See e.g. FIG. 9 and accompanying description.

and wherein the microcubes in the array are formed in rows of rectangular cube corner elements on working surfaces of the laminae. See e.g. FIG. 9 and accompanying description.

14. The article of claim 1, wherein the array of nonrutable cube corner elements comprises an array of microcubes. (see above)

15. The article of claim 14, wherein for every plane in space there are two adjacent microcubes for which at the place of adjacency none of the face edges is parallel to that plane. (see above)

16. The article of claim 15, wherein at least one microcube of said array of microcubes is rectangular and canted face-more-parallel. (see above)

17. The article of claim 16, in which at least one microcube of said array of microcubes has a plane of symmetry in which lies the cube axis of said microcube, thereby increasing the entrance angularity of said array of microcubes in a plane perpendicular to said plane of symmetry. (see above)

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18. The article of claim 15, wherein at least one of (see above) said microcube shape is rectangular, and in which at least one face of said rectangular microcube is pentagonal.

19. The article of claim 14, wherein every three by (see above) three subarray of microcubes is nonrutable.

20. The article of claim 19, wherein at least one (see above) microcube in a said three by three subarray of microcubes is rectangular.

21. The article of claim 20, wherein said at least (see above) one microcube is canted face-more-parallel.

22. The article of claim 21, wherein at least one (see above) microcube of said array has a plane of symmetry in which lies the cube axis with said microcube, thereby increasing the entrance angularity of said array in a plane perpendicular to said plane of symmetry.

Anticipation

The Office Action also rejected claims 1-22 as anticipated (under 35 USC § 102(e)) by '214 Heenan et al. These claims, however, were copied either identically or substantially from the '214 Heenan et al. reference. Upon the resolution of the 35 USC § 112 first paragraph rejections discussed above, Applicant intends to submit an appropriate showing pursuant to 37 CFR § 41.202 so that an interference can be declared.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-22 conform to the written description requirement of 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner should have any further questions or comments relating to the foregoing, which questions or comments could be readily resolved or discussed in an interview setting, he is respectfully requested to consider contacting the undersigned to arrange such an interview so that the prosecution of the present application can be timely advanced.

Beyond the fees authorized in connection with the above extension of time and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), no further fee is believed to be due. If this belief is in error, please charge any additional required fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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